

ABSTRACT

G-IIA-263

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(218)

1767 (survey), 1902 (monument)

Markleysburg, Pennsylvania vicinity

Public/private

Milestone No. ---(218), southeast of the village of Markleysburg, Pennsylvania, marks an additional point on the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary a little over 193 miles west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of Mason and Dixon's 230.228-mile West Line, the English provincial boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. The monument is a very plain dressed marble post with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in Cockeysville, Maryland. It is in excellent condition, unaltered, firmly in place; measures 10 inches square by about 15 inches high above ground; and is embellished only by the the capital letter P on the north side facing Pennsylvania, M on the south side facing Maryland, 1767 on the east side (when this part of the Line was originally surveyed and marked), and 1902 on the west side (when this new monument was added to the Line at a site established during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. On the national and state levels, No. ---(218) is significant primarily as one of the thematic group series of some 248 markers still visually defining the West Line. Locally, as one of some 42 markers along the present Garrett/Somerset-Fayette county boundary, it is also significant symbolically for its identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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BOUNDARY MARKERS ALONG THE MASON-DIXON LINE (THEMATIC GROUP)

1. Name (indicate preferred name) *

historic (Mason and Dixon's) West Line

* and/or common Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. --- (1900-03 Resurvey monument No. 218)

2. Location

street & number off the west side of Guard Road X not for publicationcity, town Markleysburg X vicinity of congressional district MD: 6 / PA: 22

state Pennsylvania county MD: Garrett / PA: Fayette

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status N/A	Present Use	
<u> </u> district	<u>X</u> public	<u> </u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture	<u> </u> museum
<u> </u> building(s)	<u> </u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial	<u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational	<u> </u> private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment	<u> </u> religious
<u>X</u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u>X</u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government	<u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial	<u> </u> transportation
	<u>X</u> not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military	<u>X</u> other: <u>state boundary marker</u>

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

(monument only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)
 name State of Maryland/Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

(see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)
 courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. liber

street & number folio

city, town state

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

(also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

title Garrett County Historic Sites Inventory

date G-IIA-263 entered 9/4/81 federal X state county local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Annapolis state Maryland 21401

7. Description

Survey No. G-IIA-263

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> additional site (1902)

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Milestone No. ----(218) marks an additional point on the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary a little over 193 miles west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of Mason and Dixon's 230.228-mile West Line. It is a very plain dressed marble post with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in Cockeysville, MD. It is in excellent condition, unaltered, firmly in place; measures 10 inches square by about 15 inches high above ground; and is embellished only by the capital letter P on the north side facing Pennsylvania, M on the south side facing Maryland, the year 1767 on the east side (when this part of the Line was originally surveyed and marked), and 1902 on the west side (when this new monument was added to a new site established during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary).

The area here is part of the Kemp farm, close to the top of one of a series of hills forming a ridge, mostly open and in cattle pastures (elevation at the site about 1980 feet), with only a few scattered houses along the road. The site is within Election District 2 of Garrett County, MD, and Henry Clay Township of Fayette County, PA; about 1¼ miles southeast of the village of Markleysburg, PA; about 1¼ miles northeast of the scattered settlement of Asher Glade, MD; at a point about 1200 feet west of Guard Road/T-878 at the Line (and from the Kemp farmhouse), just north of the ^{broad open} hilltop, in the south edge of a light deciduous woods, against the north side of an east-west barbed wire fence separating an open pasture from the woods, and with the old pipeline paralleling the fence a short distance to the north. The site cannot be seen from the road or farm service lane, but easily from the hilltop, all seasons; and is protected by the site and proximity to the fencing and posts.

The monument, identical to 65 other monument of 1902 set west of Sideling Hill to visually reestablish the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, is of an off-white fine-grained marble called saccharoidal dolomite or magnesian limestone; and was originally cut about 10 inches square by about 4½ feet long, intended for setting about 1½ feet above ground with the remaining 3 feet for securing below ground without the need for a concrete foundation. The letters and numbers are blocky, V-sunk without serifs, and are horizontally aligned as a band around the stone near the top. These, and the top planes and apex, are all clear and intact, although ^{all surfaces are weathered and} there are inconsequential nicks along the vertical edges and small chips in the top corners.

(see the Thematic Group National Register nomination form for further descriptions of the 1902 monuments and method of setting these)

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below				
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) boundary surveying	

Specific dates 1767 (area survey) 1902 (monument) ~~Historic Architecture~~ SURVEYORS: Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Milestone No. ----(218) is significant on the national and state levels primarily as one of the thematic group series of some 248 markers still visually defining Mason and Dixon's West Line, the 230.228-mile provincial boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. This part of the Line was surveyed and marked in 1767, and the new Cockeysville marble monument added to a new site on the Line established in 1902 during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. Locally, as one of some 42 markers along the present Garrett/Somerset-Fayette county boundary, No. ----(218) is also significant symbolically for its identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than one acreQuadrangle name Friendsville (MD-PA-WV), USGS 7.5 minute series (topographic), 1947 photorev. 1974 Quadrangle scale 1:24000UTM References do NOT complete UTM referencesA

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Zone		Easting			Northing			

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Verbal boundary description and justification N/A

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state Maryland code county Garrett codestate Pennsylvania code county Fayette code

11. Form Prepared By

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MASON EDIXON WEST LINE BOUNDARY MARKERS: MILESTONE

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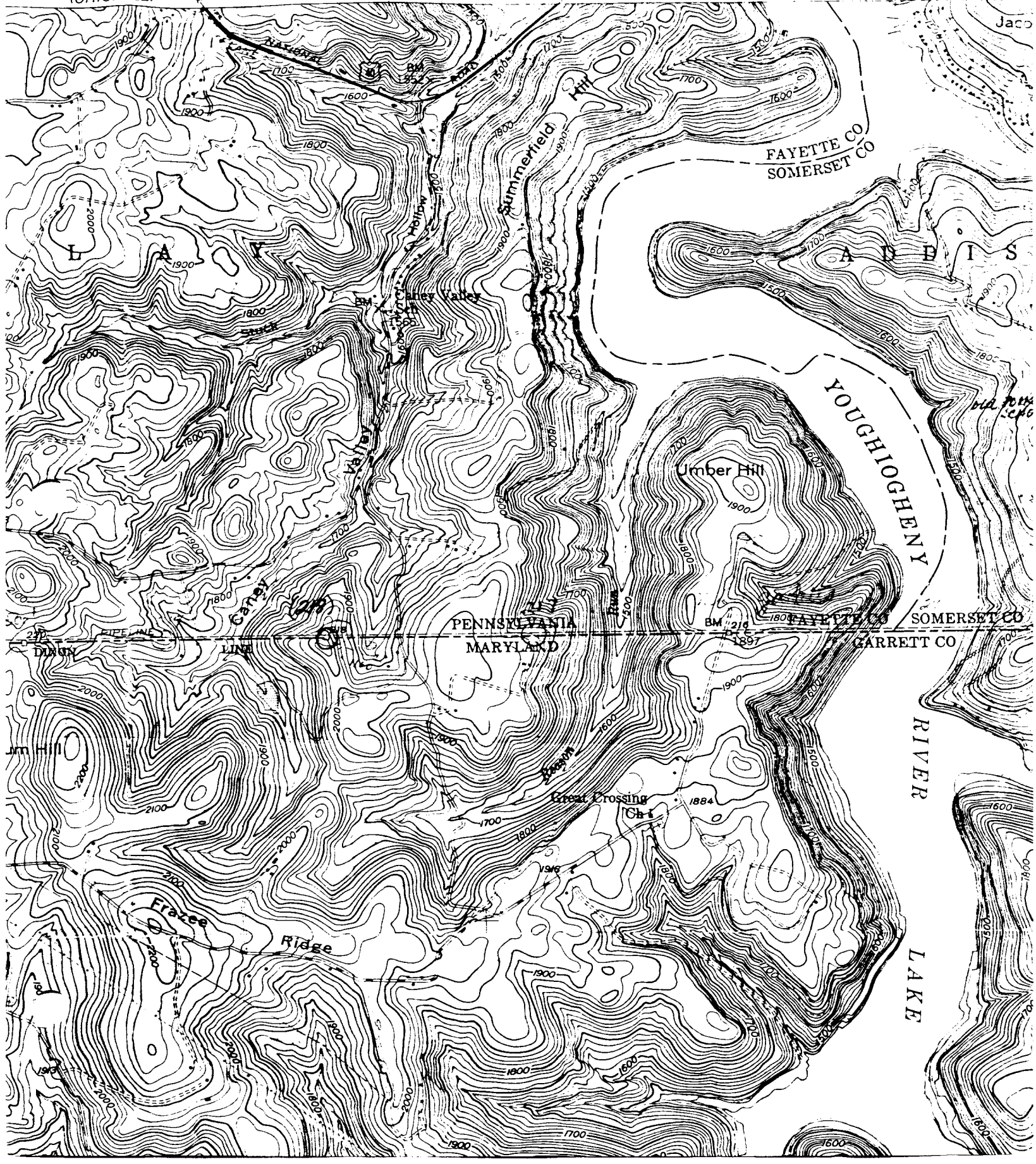
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(OHIO/PYLE)

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GRANTSVILLE 16 MI.
SOMERFIELD 1 MI.

USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TO
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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE: MIDDLE - (28)
STONE MONUMENT (1902)

SW CORNER (1902/M)

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MASON EDINBURGH LINE - HILLTOP - (212)

STONE MOUNTAIN (1912)

NE CLARK (1912)

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